# NO ELDERS HERE TO BE ORDAINED

Unusual Situation Arises in the Methodist Protestant Conference.

### EXISTS AS THE RESULT OF MINISTERIAL SHORTAGE

Absence of Class Is Not to Interfere With Preaching of Ordination Sermon.

An unusual situation in what is termed a most unusual church conference has developed at the Maryland annual conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, being held in the Rhode Island Avenue Church this week, and which Avenue Church this week, and which closes Tuesday night. Not satisfied Need of Militant Spirit with having heard the President of the members make addresses on the past two nights, the conference is planning to hold an ordination of elders tomor-This unusual situation arises for the first time in the history of the conference, which is now in its eighty-

Ministerial Supply Short.

The shortage of ministerial supply which has formed the theme of much

here that every preacher in this conference ought, and the sum of the course, but are already elders, are C. M. Adams, W. F. Bauscher, J. A. Dudley, A. W. Ewell, jr., and W. F. Wright. There is one barroom to every 1,211 citizens in the District of Columbia, declared W. A. Melvin of the Anti-Saloon League, who briefly addressed the conference this morning, according to his perusal of the new city directory, just issued.

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World-Wide Revival at Hand.

A world-wide religious revival is at hand, according to Dr. Kelley, who

"In view of the agitation here on the subject of the Sheppard rider, and the subject of the Sheppard rider, and many other things, I say to you that prohibition is in the air for the District of Columbia," declared the speaker, and his statement was greeted with prolonged applause from the conference.

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"This mabit that is growing on us preachers of not reading the word of God and the old hymns in the pulpit is a great mistake," he took occasion to say this morning. "I believe that the people love to hear the old words and the old hymns read as our fathers used to read them."

J. W. Balderston was elected a member of the faculty of instruction to fill the place left vacant by the death of J. E. Maloy. Trustees of the conference for the term beginning 1915

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an incorporated board of Methodist Protestant trustees, according to a resolution passed by the conference this morning. This act will be made

Program for Tomorrow.

The ministers of the conference will preach at Washington churches tomor-row as follows: At the Rhode Island Avenue M. P. Church, where the conference is being entertained, Rev. J. M. Sheridan of Baltimore will preach in

# Rheumatism

pains are dangerous if neescen the risk of heart affections. hose frightful pains, stiff joints

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T. O. Crouse. First M. P. Church—Morning, Rev. J. M. Holmes; evening, Rev. R. T. Tyson. North Carolina Avenue M. P. Church—Morning, Rev. R. L. Shipley; evening, Rev. J. W. Trout. Congress Street M. P. Church, Georgetown—Morning, Rev. T. O. Crouse; evening, Rev. G. A. Ogg. Mount Tabor M. P. Church—Morning, Rev. J. R. Gaar; evening, Rev. T. C. Jones.

At the Park Road M. P. Church Rev. H. O. Keen will be the speaker in the morning; in the afternoon at 3 o'clock a platform meeting will be conducted by Conference President Bowers. Addresses will be made by Rev. J. M. Gill and Rev. R. L. Shipley. Rev. W. F. Wright will preach the evening sermon.

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At Hamilton M. E. Church, Rev. F. T. Togg will preach in the morning Waugh M. E. Church-Morning, Rev. J. W. Trout: evening, Rev. J. M. Holmes. Dumbarton Avenue Church-Morning, Rev. F. D. Klein; evening, Rev. J. H. Straughn. In the morning Rev. T. R. Woodford will preach at Eckington Presbyterian Church. Rev. J. M. Gill at Bethany Baptist Church, and Rev. R. T. Tyson at United Brethren Church.

ren Church.
At the Petworth M. E. Church Rev.
J. A. Robinson will preach in the morning and Rev. B. A. Bryan in the evening. At the Congress Heights M. E.
Church Rev. J. W. Trout will preach in

the morning.
At the Mount Vernon Place M. E.

### in Religion and Politics. View of Secretary Daniels

Secretary Daniels of the Navy Depart nent and Dr. Howard A. Kelley of Bal timore were the speakers at last night's session of the conference. The delegates seventh year, old-time conference-goers today expressed admiration for both ad-said this morning. Although the fac-dresses heard last night, and were louder ulty of instruction made its report this than ever in their praise of the local en morning, and five men were reported tertainment committee, which, in the last as having passed through the course, two nights, has provided as speakers thus qualifying them for ordination as the elders, it develops that these five men have already been ordained, and so the ordination sermon will have to be preached tomorrow without any ordination following.

Lettainment committee, which, in the last two nights, has provided as speakers through the president Wilson, Secretary Bryan, Secretary Daniels.

Preachers Need Militant Spirit.

"No one needs to have the militant spirit instilled into them more than the discussion at the conference this year, preachers," the Secretary said. "Bold-is responsible in part for this latest ness, and more boldness, is needed by the past few years by the Maryland conference it became necessary to ordain men as elders (the one order of the Methodist Protestant Church) before they had completed the three-year course of instruction.

The ordination sermon will be preached at 11 o'clock tomorrow morning at the Rhode Island Avenue Church by Rev. J. M. Sheridan, pastor of the Broadway Church of Baitimore, and the Services will be as usual, with the exception of the ordination itself. The five men who have passed through the fourse, but are already elders, are C. ference ought to study theology under Suit to Be Resumed situation. Owing to the shortage in the preachers if they want to be a

"We are looking to the churches to help bring this about," concluded Mr. Melvin.

For More Bible Reading.

Dr. Bowers, president of the conference, continued today his leadership of the sessions in the good-humored and business-like way which has endeared him to the Maryland conference.

### PLAYS AND DANCE GIVEN FOR DOMINICAN SISTERS

Knights of Columbus Dramatic Club and Cecilian Orchestra Furnish Entertainment.

ference for the term beginning 1915
were elected as follows: A. W. Mather,
E. C. Makosky, T. W. Donoho and C.
A. Benjamin, Edward T. Kirkiey,
William L. Jump and I. S. Owen, were
received into the conference on trial.
J. N. Link and Allan Haldeman were
reported as passed to the second year
and Wilbur M. Snyder was passed to
the third year. The reception into the
conference of the young men will take
place Monday morning.
Dr. Tagg, editor of the Methodist
Protestant, who yesterday announced
his determination to resign in 1916.

A program of music was rendered by

Protestant, who yesterday announced his determination to resign in 1916 from the position which he has held for twenty-three years, this morning submitted his resignation as a member of the board of managers of the Home for the Aged at Westminster, Md.

Restriction on Building.

No minister of the conference shall give his consent or assistance to building a church or parsonage on a lot that is not deeded unconditionally to an incorporated board of Methodist

for the dramatic part of the program. A program of music was rendered by the Ceclian Orchestra.

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"Lord" Thirlmere of H. M. S. Phlegeton was the part taken by Joseph T. Fitzgerald in "My Lord in Livery." Others in this cast were Henry F. Dolan, Spiggott, an old family butler, John A. Costello, Robert, a page; Miss Marjorie Corcoran, Sybil Amberley, dissented the program.

Cast of the Comedy.

The cast of "Naval Engagements" his morning. This act will be made was as follows: Francis J. P. Cleary, standing rule in the conference man-A resolution asking that the Sunday schools of the conference make at least one regular Sunday offering in the year to the Methodist Protestant Children's Home at High Point, N. C., was held over for future action, probably at the present conference.

The privilege of "coming within the bar" of the conference was extended Rev. W. H. Dunbar of St. Mark's English Lutheran Church of Baltimore this morning by President Bowers, who took occasion to ray high tribute to Dr. Dunbar.

There are no conference sessions this afternoon or tonight. The last business of today's session was the annual meeting of the Mutual Relief Association, with the chair surrendered by President Bowers to Rev. G. A. Ogg. president Bowers to Rev. G. A. Ogg. president Bowers to Rev. J. A. Welgand, secretary-treasurer, read his report.

Admiral Kingston, R. N., retired; Dennis E. Connell, Lieut. Kingston, R. N., whis E. Connell, Lieut. Kingston, R. N., whis second turn, will son, on shore duty; M. J. Driscoll, Short, landlord of the Fountain Inn; Mrs. Sarah Deeds, mrs. Pontifex; Miss Edna Hillyard, Miss Mortimer.

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To the Editor of The Star.

When coming home from school yes terday a wagon passed me on which was the sign "Clean Up-Paint Up." It then occurred to me that spring is really here again, reminding us that it time to clean up. On reaching ho I looked around me and tried to find what I could do to brighten things up I went up to my room and went out on the back porch adjoining it. The orch needed painting hadly and I hought how much pleasanter it would be to look out my window on a pretty white porch. So I spoke about it to white porch. So I spoke about it to my parents and they promised it should be painted. While looking over the railing into the yard below I noticed that the dead grass should be raked off; also that paper and rubbish had caught in the rose bushes and shrubbery. I immediately resolved that I would tidy up the yard myself the first Saturday I was home.

I then noticed that if the fence was painted gray it would make a lovely background for my flowers and vines which the warm weather will bring.

After receiving the assurance that this fence would be painted I was well satisfied with my endeavors.

JULIA E. SARGENT.

Age twelve years.

To Discuss Progressive Revelation. "A Progressive Revelation" is the title of an address to be delivered by Miss Lucy C. Fowble before the Washington Secular League at its meeting at Pythian Temple tomorrow afternoon. A discussion of the subject by members the league and the audience will WHY IS THIS? -By Webster.



# PRODDING BY ATTORNEY

Trial of \$500,000 Breach of Promise Suit to Be Resumed Monday.

The trial of Mrs. Ida M. McNabb's suit to recover \$500,000 damages from hand, according to Dr. Kelley, who spoke on the working out of the indiry will be resumed Monday before Justice Stafford and a jury in Circuit Division 2 of the District Supreme Court. There was no session of the trial today afternoon until Monday. Letters written by the plaintiff to

friends, but which have found their way into the hands of counsel for the defense, are expected to play an important part in the determination o

Counsel Prodded Witness.

In addition to the letter in which Mrs. ounsel for the millionaire, who merciessly prodded the plaintiff for explaations of the context of the epistles. Just before adjournment Mrs. Mc-Nabb exhibited displeasure at the in-quiry of the lawyer when the latter sought an identification of a man re-

Defendant Not Attending.

Miss Freebey will conclude the cross-examination of the witness Monday morning, it is expected. The defendant has not attended the

trial, but yesterday his eldest son occupied a seat at the counsel table next to Miss Freebey. Miss Addie Kinney, the daughter, who is attending school here, was also in court.

Attorneys Poe & Cochems expect to conclude the presentation of their case for the plaintiff early next week.

CHARLES T. SMITH DIES.

for Sixty-five Years.

Charles T. Smith, a resident o hursday at the home of his daughthis afternoon at 4 o'clock, Rev. L. Morgan Chambers officiating. ment is to be at Congressional cemetery. Mr. Smith was a member of Dawson Lodge, No. 16, F. A. A. M.

Mr. Smith was born near Barnesstope of the Washington Monument Including residences, in Washington. He married Miss Mary Frances Coltnan, naughter of the late Charles L. Coltman, the largest brickmaker in

Washington in his time. Mr. Smith's wife died twenty-six ears ago. Two sons and two daugh ers survive him. They are Charles ( and Miss Ella Smith, both of Grafton, W. Va., and Mrs. Cady and Robert T. Smith, both of this city.

NEW STEPS TO CAPITOL.

Old Stones on East Front, Laid in 1840, Being Removed.

The broad steps leading to the ma ntrance of the Capitol on the east front splintered and worn by countless thou being removed by laborers in order to make room for granite or marble steps. The old steps are of sandstone, and have been in place since about 1840.

Congress has appropriated \$11,000 to replace these steps, and it is expected that the contract will be let within a few weeks, and the work of building the new steps probably will be started in May. About two mounts to put the new steps in place will be required, it is said.

Watches Reported Stolen.

MESSAGE OF GRATITUTE FROM GERMAN RED CROSS

Letter Transmitted by Ambassador Gerard From Gen. von Pfuel, Committee President, Berlin.

An expression of the gratitude of the German Red Cross Society to American subscribers to its funds during the present war has been conveyed to the Department by Ambassador State Gerard at Berlin, who transmitted the following letter from Gen. C. von tee of the German organization:

American citizens donations have reached us, in the course of the months of war, aggregating a total of almost 3,000,000 marks, without our being in a position thus far to give expression to our thanks in a manner adequate to

"Duty" to Repeat Thanks.

"Even though we have acknowledged the auxiliary organizations and have requested them to transmit the thank McNabb wrote of her expectation to expressed to them to each of the per-"land the old dear" other correspond- sons who have participated, we conence was shown the witness yesterday sider it a high duty to thank again afternoon by Miss Harriet Freebey, for the kind gifts in broad publicity. To our utmost regret we have not been donor the thanks due him as, notwithstanding all our endeavors, we have not

### **GERMANY HAS WITHHELD** LIGHT UPON PRISONERS

British Correspondence With U. S. Ambassador Page Purported to Show Situation.

LONDON, April 10.-"A white paper concerning the treatment of British prisoners in Germany has been issued here. It consists of a series of letters and documents and correspondence between the British government and Had Been a Resident of Washington | Walter Hines Page, the American ambassador here.

The correspondence covers seven months and fills eighty-seven pages of Washington for sixty-five years and the "white paper." It purports to show builder here for forty years, died that Germany systematically withheld information regarding the condition of ter, Mrs. W. R. Cady, 716 1 street British prisoners and even declined to at the residence of Mrs. Cady of the war prisoners in Germany in a

Inter-Great Britain.

| ceme- Commenting on the correspondence ville, Montgomery county, Md. He "It is only just to record that from the outset the United States, through the agency of its various diplomatic was laid. He erected many buildings, and other representatives, has shown uniform courtesy and consideration in the discharge of its functions as intermediary between Great Britain and the helligerent powers. No one is more unreservedly entitled to this tribute than Mr. Page."

> 812,808 WAR PRISONERS IN GERMANY'S CUSTODY

> AMSTERDAM, via London, April 16 A dispatch received here from Ber in says that April 1 812,808 prisoners of war were being held in Germany-10,175 officers and 802,633 men. dispatch gives the prisoners by nation-French, 3,868 officers and 238,496 mer Russian, 5,140 officers and 504,210 men Belgians, 647 officers and 39,620 men British, 520 officers and 20,307 men.

MIDSEASON EXHIBITION.

Training School for Women and Girls to Display Its Work.

Invitations for the midseason exhi-bition and demonstration of work done by the National Training School for Women and Girls, at Lincoln Heights. to be held at 1816 12th street north-west, April 23, from 4 o'clock in the afternoon to 10 o'clock at night, have eported to the police the theft of a roughs, president of the institution, old watch valued at \$50, which was roughs, president of the institution. The exhibition is to be by the domestic gold watch valued at \$50, which was taken from his pocket yesterday afternoon. J. H. Mitchell, 1731 12th street northwest, complained to the police of the loss of a watch worth \$15, which was taken from his pocket in a thea-

U. S. OBTAINS RELEASE OF NATURALIZED CITIZEN

French and British Governments Agree to Release August Piepenbrink, Taken Off Ship.

an important point in its negotiations for the protection of naturalized American citizens which have been conducted with the belligerent nations ever since the outbreak of the European war. The French and British governments have consented to the release of

American steamship Windber, who was November 13, when the ship was two days from Colon en route to New York Plepenbrink, who was born in Ger nany, filed a declaration of his inten become an American citizen in Seatfle, Washington, in 1910.

French Position.

defending the action of the com mander of the Conde, the French government set up a claim that the steward had not completed his naturaliza-

ferred to in one of the letters as "Mac."

"He is the man with whom you have been trying to connect my name in a way derogatory to me," snapped the witness, who then explained that he is a Mr. McMillan, an "old friend of my deceased husband, and friend of my familt."

"We therefore desire to inquire whether your excellency may possibly know of some persons here, who as representatives of the American press could accomplish our desire of expressions and remains on the vessel under the laws, of the United States is considered as having acquired full remains."

Moreover, the department held that the sallor's removal, even though he were not citizen, was without justification unde the general rules of international law the American civil war, in which the Slidell, having leing taken from a British merchantman by a Federal cruiser, the United States released the prisoners and made amends to Great

TO PROBE HARRISON LAW.

Chamber of Commerce Will Sift In consistencies of Statute.

Inconsistencies in the Harrison antidrug law which recently went into effect are pointed out in a report of the committee on public health of the Chamber of Commerce which was adopted at a meeting held at noon yesterday. The report is to be submitted to northeast, at the age of eighty-one years. Funeral services are to be held

of the war prisoners in Germany in a manner similar to that permitted by Great Britain.

Commenting on the correspondence between Ambassador Page and the British government concerning British prisoners in Germany, the Times says:

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"It is only just to record that from the president of the chamber will be requested to instruct the committee on law and legislation to investigate the new Harrison law with a view of ascertaining whether it supersedes the District pharmacy law formerly in force here. This question has been raised a number of times since the Harrison law went into effect productions." recently. The committee on public health is anxious to get the opinion of the committee on law and legislation, the membership of which includes a umber of prominent lawyers of the

> WILL DISCUSS GAS SUPPLY. Northeast Citizens Also Will Hear

Report on Protest to Utilities Board. The gas supply of the District of Columbia is to be the principal topic of discussion at the meeting of the Northeast Washington Citizens' Association which is announced for Monday

evening at the Northeast Temple. This association recently passed resolutions saying that the gas furnished in Washington did not come up to a proper lighting standard. The resolutions were forwarded to the public utilities minission and the commission has sent a reply. A report on the reply is to be given at the meeting Monday

evening.
Roscoe Jenkins, secretary of the citi-zens' association, in announcing the meeting says that resolutions relative to electric light companies will also be

Kalich Hurt in Stage Struggle.

Mme. Kalich failed to appear at Keith's last night, because of a frac tured rib, sustained earlier in the week during the struggle in her tabloid emo-Albert Saur, 10 G street northwest, afternoon to 10 o'clock at night, have during the struggle in her tabloid emoternoon to the police the theft of a been sent out by Miss Nannie H. Burtional drama, "The Victim." She will be sufficiently recovered today, it is an

COLONIAL TROOPS MAKE

National Geographic Society Gives History of French Turcos and English Singhalese.

comething of the colonial troops now on the firing line in the war in Europe. The statement says:

"Asia, Africa and Australasia have furnished their quotas of men to the firing lines in European warfare are the French Turcos and warfare are the Erench Turcos and the English Singhalese. This is the member dies a mortuary card is sent furnished themselves in European warfare are member dies a mortuary card is sent standings over the meaning of some of summer dies a mortuary card is sent standings over the meaning of some of summer dies a mortuary card is sent standings over the meaning of some of summer dies a mortuary card is sent standings over the meaning of some of summer dies a mortuary card is sent standings over the meaning of some of summer dies a mortuary card is sent standings over the meaning of some of summer dies a mortuary card is sent standings over the meaning of some of summer dies a mortuary card is sent standings over the meaning of some of summer dies a mortuary card is sent standings over the meaning of some of summer dies a mortuary card is sent standings over the meaning of some of summer dies a mortuary card is sent standings over the meaning of some of summer dies a mortuary card is sent standings over the meaning of some of summer dies a mortuary card is sent standings over the meaning of some of summer dies a mortuary card is sent standings over the meaning of some of summer dies a mortuary card is sent standings over the meaning of some of summer dies a mortuary card is summer foreign troops that have most distinguished themselves in European warfare are the French Turcos and the English Singhalese. This is the first appearance of the Singhalese. first appearance of the Singhalese to all the other members. upon European battlefields, but the furcos have been employed on the white continent several times.

"The Singhalese are natives of Cey lon. There are, strictly speaking, about 2,500,000 of them. They are setled in the central and southern divisions of the island. They are mem-pers of the Aryan family by language. but in blood, they are a very mixed race, though basically they are of white blood. They are descendants of colonists from the valley of the Ganges, who are thought to have set-tled in Ceylon about 500 years before the birth of Christ.

2,000 years ago. In appearance, the men of this people are peculiarly effeminate. Their bodies are slender and their features are delicate. Their dress is womanish, even to the extent of fastening their long hair back from the forehead by means of dainty combs. The men, also, wear earrings. Nevertheless, the Singhalese have managed to cover themselves with glory by brilliant service in the fearful battlefields of Europe.

"The Turcos are a French military organization; not a folk. Turcos' is the name which the French have applied to those troops that they have formed out of natives of Algerta. They are of Arabic and negro stock, and are among the best trained colonial troops in the world.

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"The Turcos were organized in the first instance, as was, also, the case with the foreign legion, solely for employment in Algeria. However, France early found use for them in other fields. In 1859 the Turcos went through their first European campaign in Italy. These same troops won international renown when in 1876.71 paign in Italy. These same troops won international renown, when, in 1876-71, their desperate fighting proved one of the most serious obstacles to German success upon more than one battles field. Again, in 1884, the Turcos saw service in the far distant French province in China. The Turcos have always distinguished themselves in hardy endurance and in reckless bravery."

CLAIM IS DISALLOWED.

Mrs. Scott Loses Plea for Pay Al-

leged Due Husband's Estate. The claim of Mrs. Ninna S. Scott for \$18.40, representing pay for an additional four days' leave of absence alleged to be due the estate of her hus-band, Edward L. Scott. deceased, formerly a "maker-up" in the government printing office, has been denied by the auditor for the State and other depart-

The claim was based on a contention as to the right of a government printing office employe to thirty days' leave with pay, instead of pay for twentysix working days only. The controller tion and, therefore, was a German of the Treasury, George E. Downey, subject, a naval reservist, and properly subject to arrest.

The right to grant thirty days' leave

applied to the present claim.

Had the claim been allowed it would have justified similar claims of every employe on the rolls since the enactment of the law who has been separated from the government printing

Hamilton Alumni at Reunion

College days were recalled at the annual dinner of the Hamilton College Alumni Association at Tea Cup Inn

GETS THE TRAGIC STORY

GOOD SHOWING IN WAR George Howard Frequently Inform-

mates in Europe.

Ravages of the war in Europe and the ruthless slaughtering of manhood have been brought forcibly home to George Howard, treasurer of the Na In a statement prepared today the tional Savings and Trust Company, National Geographic Society tells prominent in business and society former schoolmates.

son, lieutenant colonel late 15th Bengal Lancers, who died in camp at Exmouth, March 7: Brendan Joseph Fottrell, sec-Ganges, who are thought to have settled in Ceylon about 500 years before the birth of Christ.

Effeminate in Appearance.

"The Singhalese have remained a stationary folk since the opening of the Christian era. Their costumes, customs and manner of life are much the same today as they were more than 2,000 years ago. In appearance, the men of this people are peculiarly effeminate. Their bodies are slender and their features are delicate. Their Goard and Christian era their bodies are slender and their features are delicate. Their grants by the steam of the property of the process of the property of the state of the process of the 16, and Edward Willett, Sportsman's provision be made for the mainte church, February 9, aged thirty-five.

These are but a few of the grim messages that Mr. Howard is receiving.

GIRL SUES FOR DIVORCE.

Pearl Garratt Charges Husband With Having Choked Her.

Pearl Garratt, seventeen vears old, by next friend, has filed suit for a limited divorce from Cecil Garratt, an em-ploye of the District government. They ploye of the District government. They were married December 7 last, and the wife charges that her husband choked Tansill, and secretary-treasurer, A. A. her two days later. New Year day, she asserts, he drew a razor and threat

The wife tells the court that her husband never has given her any money to buy clothes, and that she has been supported wholly by her parents, and but for their kindness she would be destitute.

Attorney D. Edward Clarke representations Attorney D. Edward Clarke repre-sents the wife.

FINDS STRONGBOX IN COAL. Capt. Wells Turns Ronceverte, W. Va., Papers Over to Police.

Capt. Chester A. Wells, U. S. N., has turned over to Detective Wise of the fifth precinct a strong box containing checks and other papers of the Ronce-verte (W. Va.) Milling Company and a deed in which the names of J. M. Price, Ronceverte, and G. W. Hardy, Covington, Va., appear. The box was found in a carload of

The box was found in a carload of coal that was delivered at the navy yard from a mine at McDonald, W. Va. Inspector Boardman examined its contents and thinks the box was taken from a safe by yeggmen and that it was thrown on the coal in the car.

A message was sent to the Ronceverte police telling of the finding of the box. It is probable that the box and contents will be expressed to the milling company.

tional banks by the federal reserve lumber and other cargoes. Several board to act as trustee, executor or administrator. The board, asserting this opinion in a statement, declared that banks exercising these functions were lost in the accident. will be subject to state laws as are any other corporations exercising the same

Will Speak Tonight at Banquet.

ast evening. Ben Johnson, '97, was morning for New York, where he will sentences of criminals or failing to or toastmaster. Speakers were Dr. Otis speak tonight on national defense at der commitment after convictions. De Eddy, '68; J. F. Tufts, '72; A. R. the third annual banquet of the Demo- partment officials are watching closely Serven. '87, and H. D. Spencer, '00.

Officers were elected as follows.
Ralph Stone, president; Maurice B. Landers, vice president; D. Clyde Jones, secretary and treasurer; J. F. Tutts and A. R. Serven, executive committee.

The third annual banquet of the Democratic Club. Westchester county. Mr. Garrison will remain in New York until the years of several cases in which they expect judges to suspend sentence or fail to commit. They intend when the liver an address on democracy at the Court or the proper circuit court of appeals a mandamus to compel enforcement of sentence.

## OF WAR'S DEVASTATION PEKING CONFERENCES TEND FOR AGREEMENT

Progress of Japanese-Chinese Negotiations Said to Be Nearing a Conclusion.

Although very reticent to discuss de ircles. Each week he hears directly day by officials of the Washington govof the death on the battlefields of ernment conversant with the progress of the Japanese-Chinese negotiations When a youth Mr. Howard attended was that they were nearing a conclu-

For years Mr. Howard has been receiving a couple of such cards each year, but since the war broke out he is in receipt each week of large batches of them, which tell plainly the tragic story of war's devastation.

Most Recent Announcements.

This week a packet of more than dozen cards reached him, reporting deaths like this: George Alan Robertson, lieutenant colonel late 15th Bengal

SPEAKS FOR PENSION FUNDS.

Battalion, who died in camp at Horn-nance of the junds aside from fines and other incidental sources of increment. Following the address of the new superintendent of police the association adopted resolutions in favor of congressional provision for the two funds Plans were made at last night's meeting for the annual Brookland rose show, to be beld in the Masonic Temple May 20 and 21. F. T. Howe was made chairman of the committee on arrange-

WOOD-CARRYING FLEET HERE.

ments. The election of officers resulted

Eight or Ten Vessels Arrive During Past Twenty-Four Hours.

Good weather and southerly winds are bringing in a large fleet of woodcarrying craft. In the past twentyfour hours eight or ten vessels from points along the Potomac have arrived here and at Alexandria, and are now discharging their cargoes. A big fleet is reported at points along the river loaded or ready to load and they will

In addition to the wood craft, three lumber-laden vessels, several with oysters and five with shad and herring from the lower river have also come into port since Thursday noon. The masters of these vessels all report having felt the gale the latter part of last week, but all were in sheltered harbors and no damage was done

Sunken Schooner Disappears.

The wreck of the two-masted bay the mouth of the Potomac several years ago, and on which a light beacon was placed to warn vessels of the It is subject to arrest.

Plepenbrink was turned over to the British military authorities at Kingston, Jamaica, who also refused to deliver him up on the same ground.

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